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<u>Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source and Employment</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
25X1 Tbilisi (N41-42, E44-45).	To March 1950.	[redacted] who once marched past the installation on the way from the prison to the main railroad station.	Barracks installation consisting of one large, modern, four-story building and a courtyard with garages, vehicle storage sheds, etc., at the rear.	Northern sector of the city, about 500 meters southwest of the main railroad station.	Numerous tanks of various models and a large number of trucks and other motor vehicles were observed in the courtyard.
Rustavi (N42-17, E43-51).	To April 1950.	Observed the installations from a nearby place of work.	Billeting area of several wooden cantonment buildings and tents. Tent camp.	Northwestern perimeter of the city, near the airfield (N41-31, E45-03). North of the billeting area mentioned above and west of an airfield.	Occupied to capacity by a motorized engineer unit. The soldiers wore black epaulets. At least 80 tanks of various models were stored on a parking lot north of the occupied tents.
25X1 Mtskheta (N41-51, E44-43).	Prior to January 1948.	[redacted] who picked up explosives for road construction.	Ammunition depot consisting of several hundred bunkers about 25 meters long, the interior heights of which were about 3.5 meters. They were lighted electrically. In addition there was one low wooden building.	East of the village, on the eastern bank of the Aragva River, in an orchard.	Explosives of various types were picked up at an unidentified number of the bunkers located in the ammunition depot. Medium artillery ammunition and fixed ammunition of 70 to 80 mm was observed being loaded onto vehicles at other bunkers. Source, who wore civilian clothes, heard from Soviet soldiers that the installation was the largest ammunition depot in the Trans-Caucasus area.

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Kirovabad (N40-41, E46-22).	To fall 1949.	[redacted] who observed the installations on regular drives from Mingechaur (N40-48, E47-01) to Kirovabad.	Barracks installation, with a street frontage of about 1.5 km, consisting of several four-story brick buildings about 60x25 meters. All were enclosed by a wall and a wire fence, and were served by a railroad spur.	About 500 meters east of the town, on the south side of the road to Mingechaur.	Occupied by a tank unit whose size was estimated as at least one regiment. A storage area for the vehicles used by the unit was located in the eastern section of the installation. In it were stored a large number of trucks and more than a hundred (mostly armored) vehicles.
Baku (N40-25, E49-50).	To mid- 1949.	[redacted] who did construction work in the city.	Storage area.	Bordering on the barracks installation to the west.	Stored were 800 to 1,000 vehicles, an unidentified number of which were covered with canvas, including at least 500 tanks, armored reconnaissance cars, and SP guns.
	To March 1949.	Working in the installation as a laborer.	Fuel depot.	Adjoining the tank storage area to the south.	Several hundred fuel drums, which were approximately the size of the tanks mounted on tank cars, were stored under shed roofs.
			Barracks installation consisting of two large, rectangular, three-story, brick buildings; one brick building, about 150 meters long; and an unidentified number of minor structures.	Southwestern perimeter of the city, on the north side of a thoroughfare, on whose south side an electric power plant was located.	Occupied by an MVD unit whose size was not identified.
			Motor vehicle repair shop consisting of a guardhouse, an administration building, billets, a kitchen, a storehouse, a large assembly shop with	Southwestern perimeter of the city and south of the southwestbound thoroughfare; the barracks installation mentioned	The repair shop was referred to as the MVD Zavod. One MVD Captain Belay (fnu) (phonetic spelling) was in charge of the installation. The labor force included about 180 MVD troops and 50 PWS. The mission of the repair shop was to overhaul motor vehicles of the MVD units of the Baku post. The overhauling

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			special workshops, an electric shop, a machine shop, and a motor vehicle washing plant; enclosed by a wall, 2.5 meters high, with four watchtowers.	above was located on the thoroughfare. capacity of the installation was estimated at 90 to 100 engines. The number of the vehicles taken to the repair shop to be overhauled there fluctuated greatly.
25X1	Up to early 1948.	[redacted] who frequently picked up rations.	Ration supply depot which extended about 1,000 meters along the railroad line. It consisted of a large number of storehouses about 50 meters long, arranged in several lines and equipped with ramps and railroad spurs; and enclosed by a barbed-wire fence with watchtowers.	About 5 km north-northwest of the city and south of the Baladzhary freight station. Foodstuffs of various types were observed. They were distributed to army units and PWs. The installation was guarded by soldiers.
25X1	Kutaisi (N42-15, E42-40).	Up to August 1949. [redacted] who entered the installation on ration supply runs.	Barracks installation consisting of one four-story, brick building, about 150 meters long; one garage; two stables; one equipment storehouse; and one athletic field.	Western sector of the city, about 100 meters northwest of the southern bridge over the Rion River. Occupied by a unit of far more than 1,000 men. The only weapons observed were rifles and submachine guns.
25X1	Gagry (N43-20, E40-15).	Up to October 1948. [redacted] who worked in the town.	Barracks installation enclosed by a board fence 2 meters high, and a wall.	Southern sector of the town, on the east side of the street along the shore. Occupied by a tank unit of unidentified size. JS tanks and trucks were observed several times in and around the installation.

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Barracks installation,
enclosed by a board
fence, 2 meters high,
and a wall.

Northern sector of
the town, on the
street along the
shore, directly
south of a small
rivulet running
into the Black
Sea.

Occupied by a border guard unit. The only
weapons observed were rifles and submachine
guns. An unidentified number of trucks were
parked in the installation.